

JEWS BRAND FORD CHARGES AS LIBEL

"Protocols of Zion" Declared Forgeries in Statement to Public

REFUTE SOVIET CONNECTION

New York, Dec. 1.—A defense of the Jews against the charge of attempted world domination, and inspiration of bolshevism, originally made in a secret, unsigned Russian document called "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" and repeated in this country by Henry Ford in the Dearborn Independent, was made public yesterday by the American Jewish committee, of which Louis Marshall is president.

The declaration is signed by the committee and other leading Jewish organizations of the United States. This statement is prefaced by the following:

A conference to discuss the widespread campaign of secret anti-Jewish propaganda in the United States was called by the American Jewish Committee. This conference was participated in by the foremost national Jewish organizations, and authorized the issuance of a public statement in which the secret "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" now being circulated in large numbers as a forgery and the charge that bolshevism is part of a conspiracy of Jews and Freemasons to bring world domination is denounced as a malicious invention inspired by foreign reactionary forces for the purpose of breeding suspicion and hatred of Jews and Freemasons in the United States in order to discredit "free government in the eyes of the European masses and thus facilitate the restoration of absolutism in government."

The signatories of the declaration, which is addressed to our fellow-citizens, include the following representative Jewish organizations: The American Jewish Committee, the Zionist Organization of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the United Synagogue of America, the Provisional Committee for an American Jewish Congress, the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of the Jewish Theological Seminary and the United Orthodox Jewish Rabbis of America.

The protocols are denounced as a forgery, put forth for the purpose of causing people to believe that the Jews and the Freemasons "had been engaged in a conspiracy to produce revolution and anarchy by means of which they hoped to attain control of the world by the establishment of despotic rule."

Henry Ford is described as using his great wealth in scattering broadcast "abominable charges that can only appeal to the credulity of a stunted intelligence."

Jews Not Bolshevists "Ford unqualifiedly declares the protocols to be genuine," says the statement, and "argues that practically every Jew is a Bolshevist. It is useless to analyze the puerile and venomous drivel that he has derived from the concoctions of professional agitators. He is merely a dupe."

The purpose of "those who set in motion this new onslaught of anti-Semitism" is described in "an attempt to drive into the solidarity of our country the wedge of discord by accusing suspicion not only against those of Jewish origin, but also against the Freemasons in the hope of discrediting free government."

The statement is the result of a conference called by the American Jewish committee. The "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," it says, was clandestinely circulated by secret agencies during the war, was published in England several months ago and more recently appeared in the United States. The signed articles of the London Morning Post, elaborating the charge of a Jewish-Masonic conspiracy and declaring bolshevism to be a movement of Jews and Freemasons, had been put in circulation to such an extent that it is believed the time has come for the Jews to answer these libels.

"During the last six months," the statement continues, "there have been sent forth weekly in Henry Ford's organ, the Dearborn Independent, attacks of extraordinary violence upon the Jews. These assaults are all founded on the Protocols and on the discredited literature of Russian and German anti-Semitism. When the Jews of the United States first learned of this they deemed it beneath their dignity to notice mere bigotry and stupidity. These publications have, however, been put in circulation to such an extent that it is believed the time has come for the Jews to answer these libels."

Protocols Forgeries "Speaking as representatives of the Jewish people, familiar with the history of Judaism in its various phases and with the movements, past and present, in Jewish life, we say with all solemnity: "The Protocols are a base forgery. There has never been an organization of Jews known as the Elders of Zion, or

the Zionist Men of Wisdom, or the Wise Men of Zion, or bearing any other similar name. There has never existed a secret or other Jewish body organized for any purpose such as that implied in the Protocols. The Jewish people have never dreamed of a Jewish dictatorship, of a destruction of religion, of an interference with industrial prosperity or of an overthrow of civilization. The Jews have never conspired with the Free Masons or with any other body for any purpose.

"To say that the Jews are responsible for bolshevism is a deliberate falsehood. The originators of bolshevism were exclusively non-Jews. While it is true that there are Jews among the Bolshevists, notably Trotsky, they represent a small fraction of the Jews and of the followers of bolshevism.

"It is an attempt to drive into the solidarity of the citizenry of our country that has been its pride and its strength the wedge of discord, by arousing suspicion and inciting overt Jew-hatred only against those of Jewish origin but also against Freemasons, in the hope of discrediting free government in the eyes of the European masses and thus facilitate the restoration of absolutism in government.

Manufactured in Russia "The protocols were manufactured in Russia under the bureaucracy, and the anti-Jewish character of the campaign is conducted has been furnished out of the arsenal of imperialistic Germany and by those who are seeking to restore the Hapsburgs, the Hohenzollerns and the Romanoffs on their former thrones. Ancient hatred and unreasoning prejudice and a failure to understand and know what the Jew really is, are likewise responsible for the readiness with which those who are ever willing to believe evil of their fellowmen.

"We have an abiding confidence in the spirit of justice and fairness that permeates the true American, and we are satisfied that our fellow-citizens will not permit the campaign of slander and libel that has been launched against us of late to do in the great task of building up our common country and of developing the principles on which it is founded. Let not hatred and misunderstanding arise where peace and harmony, unity and brotherliness, are required to perpetuate all that America represents and to enable all men to create the true American, and we are confident that within her wide boundaries there is no room for injustice and intolerance."

"The Bolshevist cabinet, known as the people's commissars, consists of twenty members, of whom Trotsky and Sverdlov are the only Jews, and they are Jews merely by birth. Of the central committee of the Communist party, including Trotsky, there are four Jews out of thirteen. The so-called extraordinary commission, whose function it is to suppress opposition to the Bolshevist regime from within, is directed by a triumvirate, consisting of a Pole and two Letts, none of whom is of Jewish

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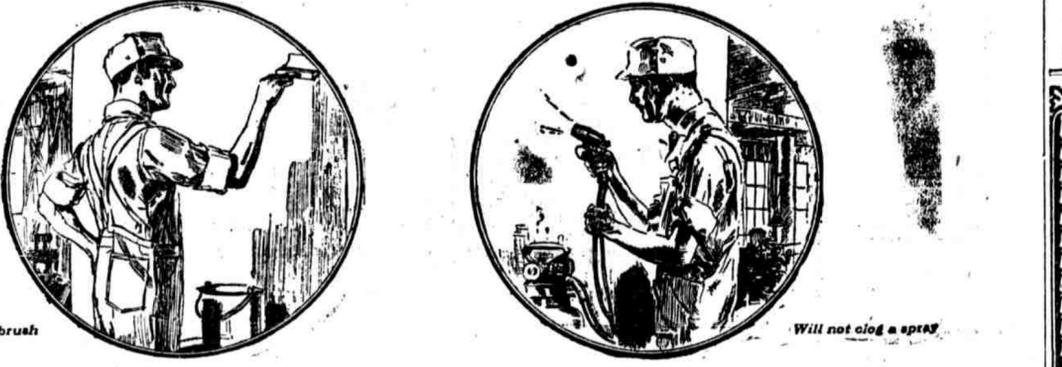
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